

REMARKS

1. In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 21-46 were last presented for examination. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 21, 29 and 38 were rejected. Claims 31-37 and 42-46 were allowed and claims 22-28, 30 and 39-41 were objected to. By the foregoing Amendments, claims 21-23, 25-28, 31 and 38 have been amended. Claim 41 has been canceled, and claim 47 has been added in this paper. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 21-40 and 42-47 will be pending in this application. Of these 26 claims, four (4) claims (claim 21, 31, 38 and 42) are independent.

2. Based on the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding objections and rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

Examiner Interview

3. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative in the telephonic interviews which took place of December 3, 2004.

Art of Record

4. Applicants acknowledge receipt of form PTO-892 identifying one additional reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,790,798 to Beckett, II, made of record by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections

5. Claims 21, 29 and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,790,798 to Beckett, II, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Beckett"). Based upon the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

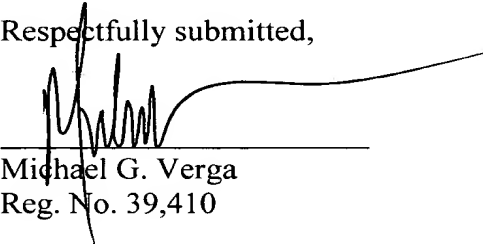
6. In the above-noted interviews, the Examiner agreed that Beckett fails to reasonably disclose, teach or suggest a hooks module configured "to install at least one event

generator in the graphics library during, and without interruption to, normal operations of a currently-executing graphics application,” as recited in amended independent claim 21, nor a hooks module for dynamically linking a graphics diagnostic tool to at least one selected portion of the computer graphics system by inserting or removing a software program to or from the executing hooks module while a graphics application is executing on the graphics system, and without interrupting the execution of the graphics application,” as recited in amended independent claim 38. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that independent claims 21 and 38, and claims 22-30 and 39-40 which depend therefrom, are patentable over the art of record.

Conclusion

7. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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